

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 516 - HB 586**

February 18, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits an eligible postsecondary institution from denying a student residential housing solely because of the student's award of a Tennessee STEP UP Scholarship.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The Tennessee STEP UP Scholarship is a program designed to assist students with intellectual disabilities who have completed high school and enrolled in a two-year individualized program at an eligible postsecondary institution.
- The STEP UP Scholarship is currently offered at the University of Tennessee and the University of Memphis.
- Currently the STEP UP Scholarship is a non-residential program.
- According to the U.S. Department of Education website, *if your postsecondary school provides housing to nondisabled students, it must provide comparable, convenient, and accessible housing to students with disabilities at the same cost.*
- Nothing in this legislation requires universities to make any additional accommodations than what is already required under current federal and state law, including the Fair Housing Act § 42 U.S.C Chapter 45.
- Specifying that recipients of the STEP UP Scholarship cannot be denied housing *solely* because the student has been awarded this scholarship will not significantly impact the universities.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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